GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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PRESERVATION OF INDIA GATE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Gate is not included in the list of protected monuments under the care of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the present agencies taking care of this historical structure;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for preservation of the structure and maintenance of environment around it;

(e) whether these agencies follow the guidelines fixed for preservation of historical/protected monuments;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The India Gate built in 1920 inNew Delhi has not been included in the list of protected monuments under the care of Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Ancient monuments which are less than one hundred years are not considered for protection as per Section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(c) & (d) The main structure of India Gate and the environment around it, are preserved and maintained by
(i) the Central Public Works Department,
(ii) Amar Jawan Jyoti is maintained by the Military Engineering Service and
(iii) maintenance of the adjoining area is done by the New Delhi Municipal Corporation.

(e) to (g) The concerned agencies responsible for the maintenance and environmental development of India Gate follow the norms laid down by their respective Departments.